

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/676,147

Examiner

Victor Lesniewski

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 8 December 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9 and 11-17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

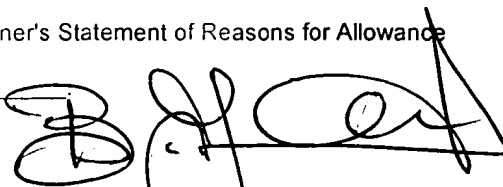
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other


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ALLOWANCE

1. The amendment filed 12/8/2006 has been placed of record in the file.
2. Claims 1, 6, 11, 13, 16, and 17 have been amended.
3. The rejection of claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. 112 is withdrawn in view of the amendment.
4. Some claims are further amended by the examiner's amendment presented below.
5. Claims 1-9 and 11-17 are allowed.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

6. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. The applicant's submission filed on 12/8/2006 has been entered.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

7. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to the applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given via telephone by Attorney Julie Reed, Reg. No. 35349, on 2/27/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

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In the claims:

Please replace claim 6 with the new version of claim 6 in the additional "Amendments to the Claims" attached hereto.

In this new claim 6, line 8, after "administrative intervention;", please remove ",".

Please replace claim 11 with the new version of claim 11 in the additional "Amendments to the Claims" attached hereto.

In this new claim 11, line 2, after "that when executed", please add -- by a computer--.

In claim 12, line 1, please replace "claim 10," with --claim 11,--.

Please replace claim 13 with the new version of claim 13 in the additional "Amendments to the Claims" attached hereto.

Please replace claim 16 with the new version of claim 16 in the additional "Amendments to the Claims" attached hereto.

In this new claim 16, line 7, please replace "the Community" with --a Community--.

In this new claim 16, line 13, please replace "community" with --Community--.

In this new claim 16, line 14, please replace "community" with --Community--.

In this new claim 16, line 18, please replace "community" with --Community--.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 6, 11, 13, 16, and 17 as amended distinguish themselves over the prior art by delineating a communication system that takes advantage of a community service which manages and monitors its elements in order to effectuate call processing that uses objects for making and receiving telephone calls between members in different communities. With the current amendment, the applicant has clarified this functionality in the independent claims and thus claims 1, 6, 11, 13, 16, and 17 now show a patentable distinction over the prior art. Important features of the system include the ability of the community service to monitor, stop, re-start, and clone various elements of the community without requiring administrative intervention as well as the use of different types of agents in the communication system that use objects to complete telephone calls across different communities. Furthermore, the prior art gives no indication that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to utilize such a communication system in the fashion presented in the independent claims.

Claims 2-5, 7-9, 12, 14, and 15 are allowed due to their dependence on claims 1, 6, 11, 13, 16, and 17.

Any comments considered necessary by the applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Victor Lesniewski whose telephone number is 571-272-3987.

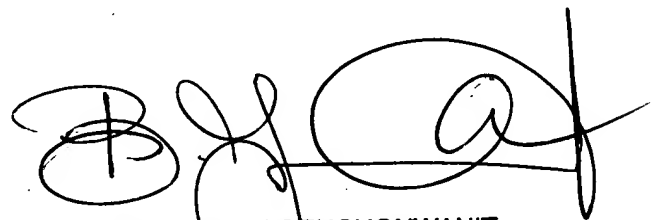
The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on 571-272-3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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